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1. (C) Summary: In a candid conversation with the Ambassador during the July 20 lunch hosted by Prime Minister Singh for the Secretary, India, the Secretary discussed the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country. The Secretary also discussed the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.

2. (C) During the Secretary's July 20 meetings in New Delhi (see reftel), Prime Minister Singh hosted a lunch in honor of the Secretary. Among the topics discussed were the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.

3. (C) Gandhi stressed that his focus in the upcoming months would be on state assembly elections in Maharashtra and party building efforts at the grassroots level. He also discussed the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.

4. (C) Noting that the Congress Party victory in this past spring's parliamentary elections had put the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government in power, the Secretary discussed the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.

5. (C) Responding to the Ambassador's query about Lashkar-e-Taiba's activities in the region and immediate threat to India, Gandhi said there was no immediate threat to India. He also discussed the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.

6. (C) Gandhi was forthright in describing the challenges facing the Congress Party and the UPA government in the months ahead. Over the past few months, the Secretary has been working closely with the Congress Party and the UPA government to address the challenges facing the country.